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31 JUL 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : [redacted]

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Possible Accusations Against the CIA

1. On 30 July 1976 at 1630 hours, [redacted] was advised by Mr. Tom White of the Office of Legislative Counsel that he had just talked on the phone to a staff aide of Representative Thomas Downing, Democrat of Virginia. The staff aide told White that Representative Downing had just received information from a Mr. Robert Morrow, author of a recent book (Betrayal) on the John F. Kennedy assassination. Morrow provided this alleged information to the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, a Richmond newspaper (Times or Newsleader, perhaps) and others. According to this information, which the staff aide said is to appear in the New York Times on Sunday, 1 August:

a. President Richard Nixon promised a Mr. Mario GARCIA Kohly that if an invasion of Cuba were successful, Nixon would arrange that all Cuban leftists outside Cuba would be killed. The implication was that these killings would be carried out by the CIA.

b. British overflights from the Bahamas showed that there were Soviet missiles in Cuba as early as 1960, and they were not removed until 1964. President Kennedy knew of this information, but withheld it from the public.

2. The staff aide said that Representative Downing plans to call a press conference on Monday, 2 August, to disclose the above information, but not necessarily to attest to its accuracy.

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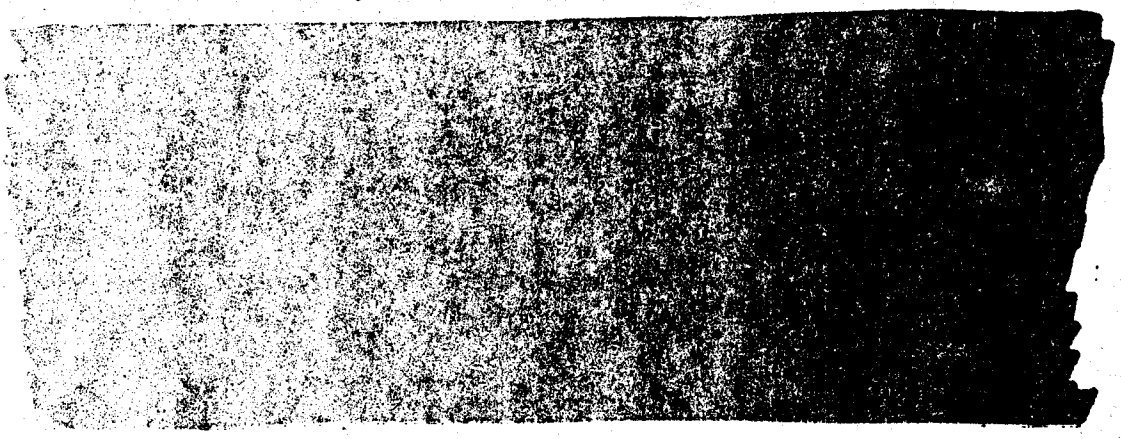

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William W. Wells

Deputy Director for Operations

30 JUL 1976

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